



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Board of Accountancy**  
1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Room E-300, Washington, DC  
20024



**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 7, 2015**

The District of Columbia Board of Accountancy held its scheduled monthly meeting on Friday, August 7, 2015, at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC, 20024.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Board Chair, Robert Todero.

**Board Members Present:** Robert Todero, Abdool Akhran, Joseph Drew, Kayla Futch, Mohamad Yusuff

**Legal Counsel:** Absent (Kia Winston, Esq.)

**Staff Present:** Cynthia Briggs, Board Administrator, Clifford Cooks, Program Manager, George Batista  
Investigator

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**Agenda Items: Comments from Public**

Two members from the public attended the Board meeting and provided comments – Paul Thrasher and Neyma Morais.

- Paul Thrasher of the Greater Washington Society of CPAs (GWSCPA) provided comments about the Virginia Board of Accountancy (VBOA), Virginia Society of CPAs (VSCPA) newly implemented and mandatory 2-hour Virginia-specific Ethics Course.
- Mr. Thrasher notified the Board that the GWSCPA is welcoming a Chinese Delegation, approximately 20 members to Washington DC, arriving on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Paul asked for assistance is obtaining meeting space for the delegation.
- Members of the Accountancy Board and staff were invited to attend and sponsor a vendor table at the GWSCPA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Fair, Washington DC Mayflower Hotel, September 10, 2015.
- Nyema J. Morais asked several questions about the District of Columbia CPA application and licensing process.

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**Agenda Items: Acceptance of Minutes**

Upon a motion duly made by member Abdool Akhran, and properly seconded by member Joseph Drew, the Board voted unanimously to accept the June 5, 2015 meeting minutes, with noted corrections.

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**Agenda Items: Old Business**

- The Board discussed the NASBA Eastern Regional Meeting, held in Baltimore, MD, on June 24-26, 2015. The members who attended felt that it was a great meeting. The topics of discussion affected several Boards of Accountancy, and same subjects linked many State Boards. The DC members also noted that the Conference speakers and presentations were well received.
- The 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual GWSCPA Membership Meeting.

**Agenda Items: New Business**

- New Board Member, Kayla Futch, was introduced and extended a warm welcome.
  - Cynthia Briggs, was also introduced as the new Board Administrator.
- The Board discussed plans to attend the NASBA 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, in Dana Point, California, from October 25 – 28, 2015.

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**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

- Greater Washington Society of CPAs – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Fair Flyer
- Washington Post Article, “*A burden on workers*”

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**Agenda Item: Executive Session**

- Consumer Board Member, Dr. Joseph Drew and Clifford Cooks, Program Manager plan to attend the NASBA Annual Conference in October, 2015. Board Chair, Robert Todero (tentatively) plans to attend.
- The Board agreed that it must move forward with innovative ideas to increase the number of licensed CPAs and those taking the exam in the District. It was noted that several amendments have been proposed to the Board of Accountancy Municipal Regulations to eliminate overly burdensome requirements and residency restrictions.
- The Board discussed the Chinese Delegation visit to Washington DC, and Board and staff participation.

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**Agenda Items: Applications, Complaints and Investigations - None**

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**Agenda Item: Action and Recommendations**

- Upon a motion duly made by member Joseph Drew, and properly seconded by member Joseph Drew, the Board voted unanimously to attend the Chinese Delegation, September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, hosted by the GWSCPA.
- Consumer Board Member, Dr. Joseph Drew and Clifford Cooks, Program Manager will attend the NASBA 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, in Dana Point, California, from October 25 – 28, 2015. Board Chair, Robert Todero, also plans to attend (schedule permitting).
- The Board also voted to participate in the GWSCPA, Career Fair on September 10, 2015.

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**Adjourn**

Upon motion duly made by Board member Mohamad Yusuff and seconded by Board member Abdool Akhran, the Board voted to adjourn - 11:03 a.m.

The Board of Accountancy will hold its next scheduled meeting Friday, September 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Robert Todero, Chair

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Date

Recorder: Cynthia Briggs, Board Administrator